



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Environmental Health Department

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SEWAGE PUMPER TRUCK INFORMATION

- All permits must be paid in full **and** an inspection completed prior to permit issuance.
- **Fees** must be paid in full prior to **January 31st** to avoid **penalties**.
- Annual inspections must be complete by **March 31st** to avoid **violations**. Contact the EH Department to schedule for an appointment.

To pump sewage in Madera, California and dispose of that sewage pumped the following, but not limited to, is required:

A **SEWAGE PUMPER PERMIT** must be obtained from the Madera County Environmental Health Department prior to operation. (Madera County Code: 7.01.050 – Permits and Services)

You need to do the following:

- A) **Obtain a permit number from the Environmental Health Department (EHD).** If the truck already has a number from another county on it, check to see if that number can be used in Madera County.
- B) Contact and obtain 'Certificate of Inspection' or 'Inspection Report' and **provide capacity of sewage in gallons from Madera County Weights & Measures (MCWM)**. Another counties Weights & Measures proof of capacity may also be accepted. To obtain capacity verification from Madera County Weights & Measures:
 - 1) Provide the vehicle license number and V.I.N. number to MCWM.
 - 2) The sewage tank must be filled to the top with clear water, no wastes, and inspected by MCWM.
 - 3) You must then go and obtain a Weigh Master Certificate
 - 4) Bring that certificate back to MCWM for a written gallon capacity.
- C) **PLACE PERMANENT LETTERING ON THE VEHICLE AS FOLLOWS:**
 - **MUST BE DISPLAYED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CAB AND/OR TANK:** (2x's)
 - 1) NAME OF BUSINESS (MINIMUM SIZE IS **4 INCH** LETTERS)
 - 2) ADDRESS
 - 3) TELEPHONE NUMBER
 - 4) MINIMUM SEWAGE CAPACITY IN GALLONS (MINIMUM SIZE IS **4 INCH** LETTERS)
 - 5) PERMIT NUMBER (MINIMUM SIZE IS **4 INCH** LETTERS)
 - **Note:** If vehicle cab and tank are detachable then permanent lettering must be on both sides of each.
- D) Bring the truck with all permanent lettering on it and the Weights and Measures capacity verification to the EHD for an inspection along with completed sewage pumper permit application (obtained from our office or website). Vehicle must be: **1.) Clean 2.) Free from leaks 3.) Equipped with a shovel and garden hose.**

E) Obtain a Business License by taking the permit obtained from the EHD to the cities and county you wish to conduct business.

F) To dispose of sewage in Madera County: Contact the Madera City Public Works Department (Valley) or Madera County Oakhurst Wastewater Treatment Plant (Mountains).

1) NO ONSITE HOLDING TANKS ALLOWED. All pumped sewage liquid waste must remain in pumper trucks until they can be properly disposed of at an approved facility. Contact numbers provided below. (Madera County Code: 13.81.030 – Deposit system maintenance –Regulation authority)

G) TO SUCESSUFULLY PASS AN ANNUAL INSPECTION AND OBTAIN A PERMIT TO OPERATE:

* If you do not complete an annual inspection in the specified time frame (by March 31st) you will be subject to associated violations and/or penalties. Contact the EHD if you will no longer be operating.

1) Ensure all initial permitting requirements have been met in items #A-F above.

2) Bring current Insurance and Registration Certification.

3) Provide Pumping/Disposal Report for inspector to review (see below).

a) California Health & Safety Code, Section 117435:

(1) The name and address of the owner or tenant of each and everyone of the premises where a septic tank, cesspool, or sewage seepage pit has been cleaned out by the registrant or his or her employees or by others on his or her behalf and the date of each cleaning.

(2) The location where the cleanings are disposed of and by whom.

(3) Discharges of waste that may result in violation of laws or ordinances required to be known by the registrant pursuant to Section 117420.

Contact Information

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Weights & Measures
322 Madera Ave
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Environmental Health
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